

Mr. MESSER. Many of the promises that were made to justify ObamaCare have been broken.

Contrary to what was promised, not everyone will be able to keep their current health coverage; and contrary to what was promised, the average family premium has risen significantly, not dropped. The projected cost to taxpayers has skyrocketed despite assurances it wouldn't add a dime to our deficit. Worse yet, the really sick who can't find health care because of pre-existing conditions are being denied promised help.

Lost coverage, higher premiums, more taxes, and bigger government—that's the reality of ObamaCare. Now one of the Senate's creators of ObamaCare is warning of the impending train wreck coming with the implementation of the health care exchanges next year.

Mr. Speaker, this Congress needs to derail ObamaCare and start making promises we can keep.

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NATIONAL PARK WEEK

(Mr. COSTA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, during National Park Week, we celebrate, perhaps, America's best idea and remember that these parks belong to all the people of America.

Since they are part of our national heritage, it is every American's obligation to ensure that we preserve these national treasures for the next generation.

Yosemite is one of the crown jewels of our national park system, and it has a special place in the hearts of Californians, as well as this Californian.

Today, I'm introducing a bill with Senator DIANNE FEINSTEIN that would expand Yosemite National Park to include 1,600 acres that were originally intended to be part of the park. This would restore the park to its original vision and protect its most vulnerable western border.

Our bill has the broad bipartisan support of local government, State officials, and many other groups.

It has been said that there is nothing more American than our national park system.

With this bill, we are restoring this national treasure to its original boundary and showing that we remain dedicated to this truly American idea.

FIXING DEMOCRAT PROBLEMS III: FAA FLIGHT DELAYS

(Mr. MEADOWS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MEADOWS. Madam Speaker, this administration seems bound and determined to wield their sequester—

automatic, across-the-board cuts—like a club in order to drive their political agenda. Their latest move? These politically motivated flight delays being felt by travelers at airports all across America.

The Federal Aviation Administration apparently believes that the only way to implement these cuts is to furlough thousands of traffic controllers, tying up the skyways all across this country. It would appear that they've missed the \$2.7 billion in potential savings that they've chosen to ignore.

Did they really need to spend \$325 million in travel costs, especially when their operation budget has already grown by 109 percent since 1996? These unnecessary flight delays are just the latest proof that this administration is clearly more interested in making a political point than coming up with serious solutions to the problems that our Nation faces.

We need to cut wasteful spending for more efficient, effective government that would foster a healthier economy and create jobs now.

H.R. 1549: A WIN-WIN FOR CONSERVATIVES

(Mr. BURGESS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, tomorrow on the floor of this House, we will consider H.R. 1549, the Helping Sick Americans Now Act.

This bill is a win-win for our constituents. It's compassionate towards the most vulnerable.

Unlike other parts of the Affordable Care Act, which only expand broken government-run programs, this program will provide private health insurance to sick Americans.

The bill is fiscally responsible. It reduces the country's deficit while redirecting funds from a slush fund while the administration uses the Prevention and Public Health Fund money to prop up their train wreck of implementation for the Affordable Care Act. Conservatives actually want to use it to help sick Americans.

This bill helps those with preexisting conditions that have no other options and provides a fiscally conservative policy that reduces the deficit.

I urge Members of the House to support and pass H.R. 1549 when it's on the floor tomorrow.

KEYSTONE PIPELINE

(Mr. WEBER of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WEBER of Texas. It has been 1,677 days, Mr. Speaker, that have passed since we first started discussing the Keystone pipeline, a project that would create—depending on whose numbers you use—2,000 to 20,000 jobs; \$2.05 billion in worker salaries; and \$65 million in local tax revenue.

On Friday, I sent a letter to the State Department demanding action on the Keystone pipeline. The project is in the best interest of all Americans. Up to 83,000 barrels of oil per day could be delivered to gulf coast refineries, which is equal to roughly half of the amount of oil we import from the Middle East.

My question for the President and Secretary Kerry is this: What is the holdup? Seventy percent of Americans want this project because they understand that it is a step closer for this country to energy independence and security.

I hope the President and Secretary Kerry are listening because it is time to build this country.

I'm RANDY WEBER, and I love living in America.

TAX REFORM

(Mr. LANCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, as we continue to seek answers to the bombings in Boston and pray for the victims and their families, we are working on important issues here in Washington.

This past tax season, American taxpayers spent billions of hours and enormous amounts of money to complete their tax filings. Roughly nine out of 10 Americans relied on paid professionals or commercial software to prepare their tax returns, and small business owners found themselves spending more resources complying with the Tax Code rather than creating jobs. That's why I am committed to making our Tax Code simpler, fairer, and less expensive for America's working families and businesses.

Mr. Speaker, the time is now to act and to create a Tax Code that is easier to navigate and promotes growth to the benefit of individuals, small and large businesses alike, and the U.S. economy as a whole.

This is the year to reform our Tax Code to benefit all Americans in a bipartisan capacity.

MANUFACTURING

(Mr. LONG asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LONG. We're a Nation of builders.

We all agree we need to get the Nation's economy growing again in order to create jobs. The manufacturing sector will play an integral role in creating jobs for hardworking Americans.

As a member of the Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, I look forward to working with my colleagues as we continue our hearing series focused on our Nation's manufacturing sector.

I enjoy highlighting the strong manufacturing base in the Seventh District of Missouri and showcasing the amazing work of businesses in the district.